WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of detecting a breast cancer-associated transcript in a cell from a patient, the method comprising contacting a biological sample from the patient with a polynucleotide that selectively hybridizes to a sequence at least 80% identical to a sequence as shown in Table 1.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the biological sample comprises isolated nucleic acids.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the nucleic acids are mRNA.

4. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of amplifying nucleic acids before the step of contacting the biological sample with the polynucleotide.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a sequence as shown in Table 1.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide is immobilized on a solid surface.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the patient is undergoing a therapeutic regimen to treat breast cancer.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the patient is suspected of having breast cancer.

9. An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a polynucleotide sequence as shown in Table 1.

10. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 9, which is labeled.

11. An expression vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 9.

12. A host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 11.

13. An isolated polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule having polynucleotide sequence as shown in Table 1.

14. An antibody that specifically binds a polypeptide of claim 13.

15. The antibody of claim 14, further conjugated to an effector component.

16. The antibody of claim 15, wherein the effector component is a fluorescent label.

17. The antibody of claim 15, wherein the effector component is a radioisotope or a cytotoxic chemical.

18. The antibody of claim 15, which is an antibody fragment.

19. The antibody of claim 15, which is a humanized antibody

20. A method of detecting a breast cancer cell in a biological sample from a patient, the method comprising contacting the biological sample with an antibody of claim 14.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the antibody is further conjugated to an effector component.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the effector component is a fluorescent label.

23. A method for identifying a compound that modulates a breast cancer-associated polypeptide, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) contacting the compound with a breast cancer-associated polypeptide, the polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide that selectively hybridizes to a sequence at least 80% identical to a sequence as shown in Table 1; and

(ii) determining the functional effect of the compound upon the polypeptide.

24. A drug screening assay comprising the steps of

(i) administering a test compound to a mammal having breast cancer or a cell isolated therefrom;

(ii) comparing the level of gene expression of a polynucleotide that selectively hybridizes to a sequence at least 80% identical to a sequence as shown in Table 1 in a treated cell or mammal with the level of gene expression of the polynucleotide in a control cell or mammal, wherein a test compound that modulates the level of expression of the polynucleotide is a candidate for the treatment of breast cancer.